

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

August 9, 2004

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Shaun Hayes, Member
Charles Moss, Treasurer
Richard Canoy, Secretary

Others Present:

Barton Roberson, DC
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.
Bob Abell, Soil Con. Tech.
John Hill, Soil Con. Tech.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Alston welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

ACTION ITEMS:

The July 12, 2004 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of July 12, 2004.

Moss presented the FINAL 2003 – 2004 Budget. A copy is attached to these minutes

Moss presented the Treasurer's Report/new Budget for the 2004 – 2005 year. Canoy moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows:

EQIP allocations are now completed. Landowners are being notified as to whether they were deferred, cancelled or accepted. HEL determinations continue w/ the special emphasis being placed on those where land is being cleared and the need for Soil Scientists to make the wetland determinations. We currently have 11 tracts that are awaiting wetland determinations. These have been scheduled. An update was provided on the GSA office space - they are continuing to attempt to meet our needs. GSA continues now in waiting for information to be returned from potential sites. Roberson discussed the necessity of the NRCS staff monitoring their time in an effort to deliver services based on the allocated hours for each employee.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- There are currently 8 applications on hand. Whitaker and Roberson will be meeting with the landowner to get specifics on their individual needs.
- NCACSP Spot Checks need to be completed.

“NCACSP – What is Required of District Supervisors” and “Spot Check Information” were given to each supervisor for their information.

All supervisors were encouraged to attend the Area 3 NCACSP Committee Meeting in Burlington on August 10, 2004. Parks and Whitaker will be attending this meeting.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

-Whitaker has contacted all of the municipalities in Randolph County and is putting together a grant sources list. See attached report for further information.

-Whitaker has contacted the Randolph County School system and the Asheboro City School system about a NC Foundation grant - *Establishment of Outdoor Environmental Learning Centers on Public School Campuses and Other Public Facilities in North Carolina.*

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

-The Southeast RC&D Meeting will be held in Savannah, GA

-The next RC&D Council Meeting will be held in Burlington on Thursday morning, August 12, 2004.

Alston is planning on attending this meeting.

Roberson gave a brief report on the RC&D Seagrove Park Project, explaining that the park is being completed in phases. Although the work is not yet completed, the local citizens continue to implement the components of the park as specified in the Master Plan developed by PCC, RC&D. The initial phases in which RC&D was involved have been completed. RC&D have not been contacted for assistance concerning the actual installation of the final components. RC&D remains open to any proposals that may be filed.

At this time Alston turned the meeting over to Chairman Frazier.

The board as a whole agreed to submit the Application for Matching Funds for the Randolph SWCD - \$4,000. Frazier signed the application.

It was reported that Randolph SWCD will receive \$60,654 for the initial NCACSP BMP Allocation. Money cannot be dispersed until the Spot Checks have been completed.

The new NCACSP Limited Resource Farmer changes were discussed. The definition of Limited Resource Farmer has been revised to include a maximum household income. The new definition is as follows:

“Limited –resource farmer – a farmer with direct and indirect annual gross farm sales that do not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and with an adjusted household income in each of the previous two years that is at or below the greater of the county median household income, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or two times the national poverty level based on the federal poverty guidelines established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and revised each April 1.”

A new form for the New or Limited Resource Farmer Self Certification will be attached to every application (a copy is attached to these minutes)

It was reported that the Soil and Water Commission delayed making an allocation for ACSP Technical Assistance until the September meeting. Information will follow as soon as it is available.

Frazier reported that the GSA Parking Space Lease Agreement is due. The rate has been decreased from \$75 per month for 3 spaces to \$54.25 per month for 3 spaces. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to accept the FSA Parking Space Lease Agreement for \$54.25 per month for 3 parking spaces.

The Annual Report was presented for review. Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the Annual Report as presented with the addition of the amount of EQIP funds that were dispersed during the PY2004 year. A final copy will be made part of these minutes.

The Soil & Water Document was reviewed by the board. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve the Soil and Water Document with the addition of the Annual Report added as a last page.

Frazier shared information on the Coastal document. Anyone who is interested in reviewing this document needs to contact Frazier.

The following consent items were approved:

- Employee weekly logs
- July & August Calendars
- NACD News & Views
- Important Dates to remember
- USDA News
- Thank You Letter from Grover McPherson
- NACD 2005 annual Meeting, Conservation Easement Workshop – postponed, and the TRC Meeting information

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be September 13, 2004 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building
241 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203